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## **National Night Out Unites Orange Community and Police**

**ORANGE – August 5, 2015** – Across the nation, more than 38 million people in 16,000 communities came together for National Night Out on August 4. And Orange was one of many local communities eager to take part.

The streets of Orange were filled with neighbors, cookouts, dancing children and plenty of events. Orange Mayor Dwayne Warren led a caravan of emergency responders, Housing Authority officials, merchants and others who mingled at the corners of Oakwood Avenue and Wilson Place.

Children wearing plastic blue firefighter hats ran along, eager to sit in one of the fire trucks or police cars that lined the road, while parents were eager to hear if they were winners of the surprise gift card and bike give-a-way – courtesy of the Orange Housing Authority.

“This is a superb opportunity for law enforcement to build bridges with the community,” said Dr. Walter McNeil, Jr., Executive Director of the Housing Authority, who was handing out National Night Out T-shirts to people of all ages.

National Night Out is a national event that encourages communities to come together to take a stand against crime, demonstrate crime prevention education, and open channels of communication between the police department and the community.

“We are pleased that so many of our families were here to make Orange’s National Night Out such a success. The support that we received was outstanding and I am already looking forward to making plans for the event next August,” McNeil said. “Let’s make it even bigger and better!”

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